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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to National Domestic
Violence Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 68, as introduced, Lieu. Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
This bill would recognize October of each year as National Domestic
Violence Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, President Obama declared October 2012 as
2 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and
3 WHEREAS, President Obama called on all Americans to
4 “promote healthy relationships, speak out when we see injustice
5 in our communities, stand with survivors we know, and change
6 attitudes that perpetuate the cycle of abuse”; and
7 WHEREAS, Although progress has been made toward breaking
8 the cycle of violence, much work remains to be done; and
9 WHEREAS, Domestic violence programs in California provide
10 essential, lifesaving services for victims and their children fleeing
11 violence; and
12 WHEREAS, Advocates and organizations work on behalf of
13 victims every day. Domestic violence shelters and services, law
14 enforcement officials, health care providers, and others are all

1 integral parts of the effort to end domestic violence and must be
2 recognized and applauded for their work; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a need to increase the public awareness
4 and understanding of domestic violence and the needs of victims;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects women, men, and
7 children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic groups
8 in the United States and here in California; and

9 WHEREAS, All victims deserve access to programs and services
10 to increase their safety; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately 40 percent of California women
12 experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Women 18 to 24 years of age are significantly
15 more likely to be victims of physical intimate partner violence
16 than women in other age groups; and

17 WHEREAS, California law enforcement agencies received
18 158,547 domestic violence-related calls in 2011; and

19 WHEREAS, There were 147 domestic violence related
20 homicides in California in 2011, of which 129 fatalities were
21 female and 18 were male; and

22 WHEREAS, Children exposed to domestic violence can
23 experience long-term consequences, including difficulty at school,
24 substance abuse, and serious adult health problems; and

25 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the vital role that all
26 Californians can play in preventing, and one day ending, domestic
27 violence; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes October 2013,
30 and each following October, as National Domestic Violence
31 Awareness Month; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
33 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.